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Notice of Allowability	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner		Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/1/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9, 11-16 and 28-33.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 09 January 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-9,11-16,28-33 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Prior art fails to show an optically guided dicing method for making a plurality of 4-sided trapezoid elements from a substrate having a surface many times larger than that of a single element, each element having first and second opposing major sides, and a top and a bottom opposing each other, the top having a top width, the bottom having a bottom width which is greater than the top width, and each element further has a length measured from the bottom to the top, wherein the first and second angled major sides define a first identical feature angle of the 4-sided trapezoid elements, the bottom and the first or the second major side define a second identical feature angle of the 4-sided polygon-shaped elements, the method comprising: marking the surface of the substrate using a plurality of optically detectable marks, wherein the marks defining an n-sided ($n \geq 3$) guiding polygon having a size substantially greater than that of a single 4-sided trapezoid element, the guiding polygon having a first and second angled opposing major sides defining an angle that is equal to the first identical feature angle of the elements, and a third side defining with one of the first and the second sides an angle equal to the second identical feature angle of the elements; cutting the substrate a plurality of times along a first cutting direction parallel to the first angled opposing major side of the guiding polygon, each cut being spaced from an adjacent cut by the bottom width of the corresponding elements; cutting the substrate a

plurality of times along a second cutting direction parallel to the second angled opposing major side of the guiding polygon, each cut being spaced from an adjacent cut by the bottom width of the corresponding elements; and cutting the substrate a plurality of times along a third cutting direction parallel to the third side of the guiding polygon, each cut being spaced from an adjacent cut by the length of the corresponding elements. Prior art also fails to show the first cutting direction and the second cutting direction that intersect to form a feature angle less than 90 degrees. Prior art also fails to show a third set of cuts and marks to define the third cutting direction, wherein the third pair of marks are different from both the first pair of marks and the second pair of marks of by at least one mark

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen B Addison whose telephone number is 571-272-2017. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on 571-272-2204. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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